

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those who responded to my question regarding whether or not you would consider your child attending, if the academy opened to certain year groups from 1st June. Some of you stated that you could not respond until you had seen more detail about how we would do that – what the school day would look like, what additional safety measures we were implementing etc. I wanted to write to you, to let you know we are working hard to ensure that the wider opening of our academy is done safely and will be sending out more detailed plans on 1st June. We will also be publishing full risk assessments on our websites so that you can see the extent of our considerations.

In the meantime, I wanted to outline what our intentions are. If the Government decide that the wider opening of schools should go ahead on 1st June (and this will only be declared on 28th May), we want to make sure that everyone who attends the site, is fully aware of all of the procedures in place. In order to accommodate this, we have dedicated the week of 1st June to training and induction. This means that in the first instance, staff only will be invited into the academy. Some year groups will then be invited to attend the academy site for a short period before the end of that week, so that they can see what their classroom will look like, what will happen at lunchtimes, breaktimes and so on.

We will therefore not be opening to any additional year groups until Monday 8th June. At the moment we are planning to do this very gradually to ensure that we continue to manage safety aspects to the best of our ability. It is likely that we will invite Year 6 back first, followed by Reception and Year 1 but this will all be confirmed next week.

Attendance for vulnerable children and those of key workers will not be affected by these plans.

All the staff want to see our children back in the academy as soon as possible. Your understanding and support is appreciated as we try to find the safest way to accommodate more children.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs R. King